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**Amendments to the Specification:**

On Page 1, following the caption "Cross-Reference to Related Applications", replace the paragraph with the following paragraph:

-- This Application is a continuation in part of co-pending Patent Application Serial No. 10/052,938, filed January 23, 2002, now Pat. No. 6,619,403 B2, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

On Page 27, replace paragraph [00109] with the following amended paragraph:

[00109] Additionally, an arcuate toe calk 110 is located at the forward end portion 96A of the flexure plate 82. The toe calk 110 is generally arcuate and includes a bottom end 110b that is juxtaposed against the forward end portion 96A of the flexure plate 82, a top end ~~110b~~ 110a that projects above the flexure plate 82, and a pair of spaced endwalls 110c and 110d. The toe calk 110 is centered between the arcuate stiffening ribs 108 and projects upwardly from the flexure plate 82 and away from the horse's hoof when the horseshoe 80 is attached thereto. Preferably, an annular groove 112 extends between the spaced endwalls 110c and 110d of the toe calk 110.